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County, Rancho Cucamonga Partner on Active Shooter Response Program

SAN BERNARDINO – On Tuesday, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved a plan to improve student safety in the City of Rancho Cucamonga by creating virtual maps of school campuses that can be utilized by emergency responders.

The City of Rancho Cucamonga partnered with the County Sheriff's Department to secure a \$173,421 U.S. Department of Justice grant to develop and implement an Active Shooter Response program. The funds will pay for two Geographic Information Systems Technicians from the City to photograph, catalog, and map the campuses of participating local high schools and junior high schools.

The collected information will be stored on flash drives so deputies and firefighters can quickly access maps and other data via laptop computers during an emergency, such as a violent person on campus or a hazardous materials spill. The maps will allow first responders to view every aspect of a school campus, including the interiors of room, so they can thoroughly plan their response tactics.

"Ensuring that our first responders have virtual school maps at their fingertips will enhance their ability to protect students and school staff during an emergency," Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford said. "This partnership between the City of Rancho Cucamonga and the County is another great example of how we can work together to improve our communities."

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Supervisors Approve First Phase of Cherry Avenue Widening Project

SAN BERNARDINO – On Tuesday, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved a \$775,700 contract to begin the first phase of a project to widen Cherry Avenue from Whittram Avenue to Foothill Boulevard in Fontana.

The first phase, which is scheduled to begin in early January, entails grading the roadway to the current right of way, relocating utilities and business signs, constructing retaining walls, and installing block walls with wrought iron fencing in front of residential properties. It will take about a year to complete the first phase.

The final phase, which will begin in early 2011, includes widening Cherry Avenue from two to three lanes in each direction from Whittram Avenue to Foothill Boulevard and installing a median with landscaping. It will cost about \$5 million and will take about a year to complete.

"Cherry Avenue is a major economic corridor that runs through the heart of San Bernardino County's successful San Sevaine Redevelopment Area, and transportation improvements such as this are key to fueling economic development along Cherry and throughout the RDA," Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford said.

Residents and business owners will receive a letter informing them of the project start date one week prior to the start of construction. Temporary lane and shoulder closures will be necessary during the first phase. Motorists are urged to use caution in the construction zone.

In addition to widening Cherry Avenue, the County of San Bernardino is also the lead agency on the \$76 million reconstruction of the Cherry Avenue/I-10 interchange. The reconstruction of the interchange is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2011 and will take about three years to complete.

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School Safety Concerns Prompt No U-Turn Zone on Hemlock Avenue

SAN BERNARDINO – On Tuesday, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved a no U-turn zone on a portion of Hemlock Avenue in unincorporated Fontana in order to improve traffic safety and reduce traffic congestion in front of Sequoia Middle School.

The County Department of Public Works conducted a traffic safety investigation on Hemlock Avenue after Sequoia Middle School reported that drivers making U-turns were causing traffic congestion and the potential for traffic accidents, especially when students were being dropped off and picked up from the school.

After reviewing the traffic situation, Public Works determined that prohibiting U-turns on Hemlock Avenue in front of Sequoia Middle School would enhance traffic safety and the safety of students.

"I want to thank Sequoia Middle School for bringing this traffic safety problem to the attention of the County's Department of Public Works," San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford said. "I encourage residents to report their traffic safety concerns so our Public Works staff can investigate and determine what changes should be made to prevent accidents and injuries."

Public Works will install six no U-turn signs on Hemlock Avenue in front of Sequoia Middle School before the end of the year. People can report traffic violations in unincorporated Fontana to the California Highway Patrol dispatch at (909) 388-8000 or by calling the CHP Rancho Cucamonga office at (909) 980-3994.

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